

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 6, please add the paragraph between line 19 and 20 as follows:

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

Figure 1 shows the of particle size distribution after Malvern analysis of the carrier particles before and after pre-treatment in a mixer.

Page 7, please replace the paragraph at lines 9-18 as follows:

It has been also surprisingly found that, by virtue of the milder operative conditions of the invention, the fraction of fine particles of size larger than 10 μm is poor, as proved by the particle size analysis via laser diffractometry (Malvern). It is well known that only the fine fraction below 10 μm , once redistributed onto the surface of the coarse carrier particles, is indeed responsible for the decrease of the interparticle forces, whereas the fine particles of size larger than 10 μm , contribute to decrease the flowability of the powder. Further, the process of the invention yields a fraction of carrier particles whose variation of the starting mean aerodynamic diameter is less than 20%.

Page 9, please replace the paragraph at lines 11-15 as follows:

A further aspect of the invention are the formulations for inhalation obtained by mixing the active ingredient particles (with a mean aerodynamic diameter of less than 5 ~~mm~~ μm with carrier powders obtained according to the process of the invention.

Page 13, please replace Table 2 as follows:

Standard Preparation		Technological Parameters	
Apparent Density (g/mL)	<u>Standard Preparation</u>	<u>Preparation of Example 1</u>	
- Poured	0.71	0.75	
- Tapped	0.80	0.90	
Flodex text (4mm)	4	4	
Flow rate through			
4mm (g/min)	67	46	
Carr Index (%)	11	17	
		TSI test	
Mean weight (mg)	22.8 (3.3)	25.6 (2.6)	
Emitted dose (µg)	184.0 (3.3)	165.8 (6.9)	
FPD (µg)	31.0 (50.9)	37.4 (8.9)	
FPF (%)	16.9 (53.2)	22.7(10.6)	

Page 14, please replace Table 3 as follows:

TABLE 3

Standard Preparation		Technological parameters	
Apparent Density (g/mL)	<u>Standard Preparation</u>	<u>Preparation of Example 2</u>	
- Poured	0.71	0.74	
- Tapped	0.78	0.83	
Flodex text (4mm)	4	4	
Flow rate through			
4mm (g/min)	72	-	
Carr Index (%)	9	11	
		TSI test	
Mean weight (mg)	22.2 (1.7)	25.2 (3.3)	
Emitted dose (µg)	185.0 (2.6)	168.2 (4.7)	
FPD (µg)	60.1 (11.6)	80.9 (14.6)	
FPF (%)	32.2 (11.5)	47.9 (11.4)	